Please save this for reference!

Dear Obie – This is the letter I sent to all the women. I hope you get some response. Barb

I have decided to abandon my efforts to "organize" Women's Lib. at Middlebury by the normal methods. We are a fairly large group of individuals who are interested in liberation ideas for our own lives but not necessarily interested in starting a movement here. Because of this I think Women's Lib. on campus this year should exist mainly as a continuing forum for these ideas. A small number of us want to meet each week for personal, informal dialogue about the questions, problems and new ideas that we encounter. Any time during the year that you feel an interest in sharing in this discussion group please come and join us. (If needed we can form several small groups). As of now – we will meet every SUNDAY at 7 p.m. in SDU-B.

Since we are at our beginning stages now at Middlebury it seems that a completely action-oriented organization is not possible yet. BUT those women and men who do want to do something this year should definitely contact the following people and give them help. There is a lot that can be done by small groups of individuals.

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1.) DAY CARE CENTER – needs men + women to help staff the center any time you are free. It is next to the Methodist Church in town & serves working mothers. Contact Chris Gault: 388-2039

2.) SPEAKERS, FEMINIST THEATRE, etc.: Contact Gretchen Aussen Box 1435. Maybe this will be in conjunction with the Mortar Board Symposium in November.

3). WRITING ARTICLES - for the "Campus" or any Vermont paper. See the "Campus" editors.

4). JUDO LESSONS - (if you are serious!) See Laura Clow Box 1056.

5). MECHANICS, ELECTRONICS WORKSHOP - See Ruth Dunnell Box 1128 - (and if you know men who could teach these skills).

6) LITERATURE on the movement - I have some and you can order more - Barb Sullivan Box 931. (Kate Millet's Sexual Politics is great!)

7) MALE-FEMALE SENSITIVITY GROUPS - "human liberation" - Contact Obie Benz - Box 601

8) SPEAKING IN TOWN to clubs + groups - if you would like to (informally) - see Browning Sosman - 1274.

9) BIRTH CONTROL + ABORTION INFO. - has been set up already. Any woman or man who needs help should contact Tori Osborne Box 1424.

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I hope that a "sisterhood" of consciousness will develop at Middlebury through individual communication and involvement rather than through one central organization.

Please bring friends who are intersted to the weekly groups. We need to include married women, working women, older and younger women - to share their experiences with us.

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